



## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I declare that: **Steven W. TEPLER**

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVING DATES IN DIGITAL DATA FILES

☐ the inventor's declaration for said application being executed concurrently with the execution of this instrument; said application to be filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office;

☒ said application no. 09/609,646 having been filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 3, 2000;

☐ said application having been filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty on \_\_\_\_\_ and given Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, the United States of America having been designated.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge that duty to disclose information of which we are aware and which is material to the examination of the patent application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the space, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

#### Prior Foreign Application(s)

Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed	Priority Claimed (Yes or No)
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We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Serial Number

Filing Date

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States of PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me which is material to the patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

Application Serial Number

Filing Date

Status (patented, pending, abandoned)

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The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. attorneys named herein to accept and follow instructions from the undersigned's assignee, if any, and/or, if the undersigned is not a resident of the United States, the undersigned's domestic attorney, patent attorney or patent agent, as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorneys and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons(s) from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorneys named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

We declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVING DATES IN DIGITAL DATA FILES

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN



I hereby declare that I am

☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below;

☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN Time Certain, LLC

ADDRESS OF CONCERN 10414 Ewell Avenue, Kensington, M.D. 20895

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 12 C.F.R. §§ 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other, either directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVING DATES IN DIGITAL DATA FILES by inventor Stephen Barnes described in

☐ the specification

☒ Application No. 09/609,646, filed July 3, 2000

☐ Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights to the invention is listed below\* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(e). \*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern, or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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